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Subject: No on Historic District Modernization Act

As a resident of Michigan who is proud of the many historical and cultural resources that have been preserved, and which continue to contribute to a local economies, I am appalled at the introduction of PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT THREATENS TO NULLIFY FORTY-SIX YEARS OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN MICHIGAN! These fast tracked bills contain a number of provisions negatively impacting neighborhoods, historic districts, and communities throughout Michigan.

Do not let this bill proceed any further!! The "problems" it seeks to correct are imaginary. The "results" it proposes are disastrous for neighborhoods, property owners, and community tax bases. Among other things, the bill hinders a community's ability to address problem properties, politicizes a currently well functioning appeal process, and removes the predictability and certainty of historic design standards that in turn encourages and promotes LONG-TERM investment in struggling communities. Do not let the interests of short-term profiteers win over the long-term investment required for sustainable neighborhoods and communities.

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